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DOWN AND DIRTY - Randy Wilson takes a mud bath while bringing down this steer in 9.3 seconds during Friday night's performance of the Didsbury FCA Rodeo.

Weather doesn't dampen rodeo spirits

Future contestants steal the show

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Over 500 people braved the wet and cold last weekend to watch contestants battle for top spot in the Didsbury Rodeo.

"The contestants provided an outstanding performance in the mud, the crowd enjoyed enormously," said Lorna Richmond, an organizer for the event.

She said the weather turned a lot of people off the outdoor event. There were 300 less rodeo-goers than last year, but those who did go "had a terrific time."

Montanna Meredith was hanging around the arena while the youngest rodeo participants did some muttin' bustin'.

"These little kids are where it all starts," she said of youth interest in the rodeo sport.

"And it's really funny. It gets you into the rodeo spirit."

The crowd laughed uproariously as children as young as three-years-old tried to hold onto the back of sheep.

The rodeo clown kept a close eye on the riders, scooping them off the back of fleeing animals when the going got tough or giving the kids a hand up when they tumbled into the mud.

Nelda Radford, who signed up her six- and nine-year-old boys for muttin' bustin', said the rodeo is "great entertainment for kids."

"This is our first time here and the rodeo is, well, the epitome of country life," she said.

Despite some excitement over the event, there were a few disappointed faces at the lack of diverse entertainment for little ones.

Julie Steed was watching her two children scramble for cash in a man-made sand pit and said there was

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little else for them to do. Families look forward to select events each year, including the Didsbury rodeo and so it's disappointing there are so little activities for children, she said.

When she arrived at the event on Saturday she expected a similar set-up to Canada Day in Memorial Park. There was a money pit, mutton bustin' and face painting but little else. Where are the train rides, the petting zoo and the midway? she asked.

"The rodeo is good, but I brought the kids for other things...like the midway. I don't think they should have advertised the midway if there wasn't one," Steed said.

The midway was one of traditional events that didn't occur this year. The bench fair was also cancelled because of a drop in volunteers.

Richmond said Mac's Amusements, the company hauling in the rides didn't show up and it hasn't returned the society's phone calls to let them know why.

"It was really disappointing," Richmond said.

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Buyer beware: residents cautioned about hail repairs

BY MARK LAYCOCK
For the Review

Homeowners eager to make repairs to their homes following the August long weekend hail-storm are being cautioned against hiring contractors without doing a little research first.

Following news reports about the damage inflicted by golfball sized hail in town, local bulletin boards and power poles have been flooded with advertisements from contractors willing to provide services.

Although it may seem like a deal to some, industry experts warn that a snazzy business card is not the same as a valid licence and a proven track record.

When David Litwiller of Litwiller Developments and Restorations out of Calgary heard that some residents have already had out-of-town contractors show up at their doors unexpectedly, he responded that it's a start to an all too familiar story. "It's another nightmare in the making," he groaned.

Litwiller has a litany of horror stories from homeowners in Calgary who have fallen victim to fly-by-night scammers and warns that home repairs are like any other pur-

chase: buyer beware.

Murray Pound, vice-president of Gold Seal Homes, says that he too is concerned about the sudden spike in out-of-town contractors that have moved in overnight.

"I would hate to see anyone, whether it's one of our past customers, or anyone in Carstairs have work done that isn't going to be done properly," says Pound.

Fortunately, the two men say there are some simple guidelines that homeowners should follow before hiring a contractor.

CHECK OUT OR THROW OUT

The most important starting point is to ask a contractor for their business licence and make sure it's current. Contractors should also be able to provide a valid copy of their Workers Compensation licence. All contractors are required to have a valid business licence, and all prepaid contractors must be licensed with Service Alberta.

If a company is able to provide proper documentation, Pound says homeowners should then check out a company's references by contacting an

organization such as the Alberta Better Business Bureau at 1-800-661-4464, as well as asking friends and neighbours for their opinions.

Even if a company checks out with the bureau, Litwiller warns that there still isn't a guarantee of the company's work.

"Just because they're registered with the Better Business Bureau doesn't mean they're a good company; you need to make those inquiries, due diligence is huge."

GET IT IN WRITING

If the contractor's background checks out, then it's time to get everything in writing. Litwiller says that without a contract, homeowners are putting themselves at tremendous risk by leaving themselves liable for injuries and damages, while also relinquishing any guarantee of the work done.

"Without a written contract you're at risk for everything and anything that could go wrong... Your insurance is probably not valid if you're hiring people under the table for cash, so you risk losing out on your own insurance."

"If you don't have a writ-



Mark Laycock/Carstairs Courier

STORMY WEATHER • Shirley Stewart examines the damage done to her window at the Carry Manor on Gough Street. Stewart is one of countless Carstairs residents that will be waiting for repairs to be done to their homes and apartments.

ten contract with a legitimate, proper company, you have no recourse in the courts. The judge doesn't want to talk with you because you're a dirty player yourself for agreeing to go with cash."

Pound adds that hiring illegitimate companies could mean that the completed work may not meet building code standards, leaving homeowners with a tremendous cost down the road. He recommends that homeowners ask contractors if they are making repairs in accordance with industry standard methods.

CONFIDENCE IS KEY

In the end, both Pound and Litwiller say that a legitimate contractor should always be willing to provide any documentation and answer all questions without hesitation. Similarly, contractors should never pressure you into getting something you don't need or want.

"You're not being offensive if you're asking all these detailed questions. If these guys don't want to answer the questions you can tell them to (go away)," says Litwiller. "A

legitimate contractor is going to be more than happy to produce that stuff for you."

Residents who feel they have been scammed or are suspicious of a contractor asking for cash, can call the Canada Revenue Agency to file a report by calling 1-866-453-0450.

For more tips on hiring a contractor, please visit the Canadian Home Builders' Association tips website at www.hiringacontractor.com or Service Alberta's home renovations tip sheet at www.servicealberta.ca or by phone at 1-877-427-4088.

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— Correen, Bow Island, AB
West Nile fever survivor

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FIGHT the BITE

Parents slash back-to-school spending

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
The Didsbury Review

Before she starts back-to-school shopping, mother Tricia Neufeld will check to see if she can draw on last year's stock.

"If I can use an old backpack, I will," she said. "We'll also use lots of hand-me-down clothes."

Like several local parents, Neufeld is looking for ways to take the bite out of her September shopping bill.

National consumer surveys show parents spend an average \$600 annually on supplies, clothes and shoes, making this season the highest retail holiday next to Christmas. This year, parents aren't expected to spend quite as much.

Ernst & Young, an international business advisor, says even though "consumer confidence rose for the fifth straight month in July, it's still only just back to the level we hit this time last year."

"The stock markets may have recovered from their 2009 lows, but people are still worried about salaries, debt levels and damaged bottom lines. That quashes spending," said Daniel Baer, Ernst & Young's national retail industry leader.

Baer says that value centres, thrift shops and dollar stores will be the real winners this month when it comes to

where consumers spend.

Neufeld doesn't doubt it. She'll be one of those shoppers searching for bargains to fill her eight- and 10-year-old sons' wish lists for the school year. She can afford to spend about \$300 total on her boys for the move from vacation to education, but things will be tight. It makes her wonder what families with single or unemployed parents are facing.

"There are lots of single parents here and at this time of year, well, you get a sick feeling in the bottom of your stomach because your kids want everything and you can't always give them that," she said.

Lisa Sauve, a healthy families home visitor, says the recession has hit Didsbury hard and a lot of families can't afford the back-to-school basics.

"The have-nots, have nothing. There is a lot of financial hardships right now," she said.

School supplies can cost anywhere from \$35 to \$70 and that's before accessories, clothing and footwear. It can add up to a hefty bill.

She said her organization, Accredited Supports to the Community, is aiming to help needy families by seeking donations from corporations and relying on donated goods to schools and supply drives.

"The Kitz for Kids drive has been really great. Last year, it was a huge help to families in this town," she said.

The Value Drug Mart back-to-school drive, Kitz for Kids, delivered between \$2,000 and \$3,000 worth of supplies to area schools in 2008 alone.

This August, pharmacy owner Brad Blatz is inviting community residents to give cash or supply donations to the fundraiser. When kids hit the books, he'll visit schools in Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona to make deliveries. Principals will usually know which students are short on supplies and will discreetly fill that need.

Cash donations can also go to school or education-related endeavors, Blatz said. Value Drug Mart handed over \$600 of the raised monies to the preschool construction project last year.

"People have been really receptive to this program, it's a good cause," Blatz said. "So far, we are on pace with previous years."

He said tough times have only made people dig a little deeper into their pockets to help those who may be in need.

"It's almost like the community bands together in the rough times. Retail sales may be going down, but the donation side tends to go up," he said.

"And the demand will always be there. There will always be a segment of the population who...can't afford everything on the list."

Midway drives to survive

BY MARK LAYCOCK
For the Review

Supporters of Midway School are hoping the recent purchase of a van to shuttle youngsters to the school will provide parents with another option for where to send their children.

The small rural school, located about 18 minutes east of Carstairs, had faced possible closure by the Chinook's Edge School Division last year, but was given an extended life following an outpouring of support from parents, staff and students.

The school typically houses between 20 and 30 students from Grades 1 to 6. As soon as students finish ele-

mentary school, they typically attend high school in a surrounding secondary such as Carstairs or Didsbury.

In hopes of alleviating large class sizes in neighbouring schools, Jennifer McCulloch, whose children attend Midway School, is hoping a recently purchased van can be used to shuttle students from Carstairs and Didsbury and the county to Midway.

"We've been hearing for a number of years that classrooms in town are very full and we just feel like we have a school out here that (boasts) class sizes that are small, so to help offset the class sizes in town and help boost our numbers; this is a thought we've been working on for a couple of years," says McCulloch.

See Midway on page 6

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Opinion

Commentary Health-care plans must be made public

DAN SINGLETON
staff



With the Stelmach government-controlled Alberta Health Services Board conducting a review of rural hospitals and emergency helpads this summer, questions continue to outnumber answers by a large margin when it comes to the future of the province's vital health-care system.

During the Ralph Klein era, there was much talk of Alberta moving towards more and more privatized health care. In the end, the Klein government's proposed 'Third Way' plan was scrapped following widespread public outrage.

Since coming to power, Premier Ed Stelmach and his Health Minister, Ron Liepert, have been much more coy about their plans for health care.

While both Stelmach and Liepert have been quick to say that changes are needed to bring costs under control, they have so far decided not to put their cards on the table by outlining their long-term health plans – if such plans even exist.

The United Nurses of Alberta, representing most of the province's front-line nursing staff, says it is convinced the Stelmach Tories are already moving Alberta's health system towards an 'American-style' for-profit system – and doing it by implementing "damaging cutbacks" across the board.

"Alberta Health Services is cutting hundreds of nursing jobs, management jobs and services," said UNA president Heather Smith. "They are drastically reducing the public health system available to citizens, and they are trying to pretend that they are not."

At a recent meeting of 250 nursing leaders, Heather Smith said the union believes cuts to the public system are a 'backdoor way' to expand demand and opportunities for private medical entrepreneurs.

"Albertans are feeling the impact of these cuts on their care now, and they will only feel it more and more," said Smith.

With the premier and his health minister keeping their long-term plans to themselves, at least so far, the opposition Liberals have put out a call for public disclosure of the government's intentions.

"We don't know what the premier may choose to cut," said Liberal leader Dr. David Swann, a physician. "What's important to remember is that cuts are coming and there will be consequences with them. This could mean job losses and increased wait times."

While it's true the Liberals, and to a lesser extent the UNA, have their own agendas to push, there is much to be said for their respective calls for the government to lay out its plans without further delay.

Premier Ralph Klein put his cards on the table with his 'Third Way' plan, giving ordinary Albertans a chance to have their say.

Despite the fact major reviews of hospitals and helpads are now underway, it's high time for Premier Stelmach to show similar leadership by making his health-care intentions known.



Preservation of Didsbury's heritage

CYNDEE WALDEN

Recently, Town of Didsbury council supported an initiative to once again start the process of becoming an accredited Main Street Community through the Alberta Main Street Program.

Alberta's Main Street Program has been around since 1987 but has recently taken on a new face. Through Alberta Culture and Community Spirit, a new process has been developed and municipalities are required to take certain steps before being accepted into the program.

Didsbury participated in the Main Street Program for several years, ending approximately nine years ago. During its time as a Main Street Community, much work was done by Didsbury businesses and community members to preserve and protect Didsbury's history. Thankfully, the town has most of the information from this project and it will be of great benefit in assisting the administration of the town as it moves forward onto the newest phase of preserving Didsbury's past.

The Alberta Main Street Program works very closely with that Alberta Municipal Heritage Partnership Program which helps municipalities manage their historic places. They provide opportunities for municipalities to access funding, expertise and resources to help them establish or maintain an ongoing municipal heritage conservation program. Through this program, Didsbury will be applying for grant funding to complete a Municipal Heritage Survey and Inventory. This is a 50/50 cost sharing opportunity between the municipality and the province of Alberta. Didsbury Town Council has committed to \$20,000 in 2009 to complete the survey and \$20,000 in 2010 to complete the inventory. The commitment from the town will be comprised of a combination of funds and/or in-kind contributions such as volunteer or administrative hours of work. Town administration will make every effort to maximize the use of in-kind contributions to minimize the fiscal impact.

Once the survey and inventory are completed, owners of buildings which have been identified as being historic in nature may choose to go forward with having their building designated as a Municipal Historic



Resource. By doing this, it will help owners gain access to opportunities for ongoing cost-sharing programs for conservation from the Government of Canada and The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. Once identified as a municipal historic resource, they become eligible for up to \$50,000 matching funding on an application basis twice per year.

Didsbury Town Council felt that by taking the first few steps in becoming an accredited member of the Alberta Main Street Program, the community would benefit in many ways. Further identification and documentation of our historic resources will allow the town to continue to preserve and maintain its historical character, protect historical buildings, develop guidelines on their preservation and access funding for ongoing maintenance. This Heritage Preservation Project will complement the Central Core Heritage Plan as well as the Historical Walking Tour, and is an integral part of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

The success of the Heritage Preservation Project will continue to show Didsbury as an attractive vibrant community rich in history and known for its commitment to preserving its heritage.

Correction

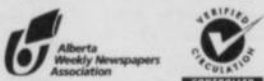
Incorrect information appeared in a story headlined "Funds to ward off Main Street 'amnesia'" that appeared on page 2 of the August 4 Didsbury Review. The Town of Didsbury will be spending \$40,000 to start the process of becoming a Main Street Alberta community.

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Free flu vaccine details vague

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Locals looking to arm themselves against the seasonal influenza are eligible for a free vaccine this fall, though the shot won't protect against H1N1.

Alberta Health rolled out an \$8 million vaccination program last week, which will give annual flu shots free to everyone over six months of age.

Previously, the vaccine was only offered free to people with a high risk of catching the flu, but anyone could pay the \$25 fee for the vaccine at a doctor's office.

This October, Didsbury residents can bolster up on the shot, which contains three strains of influenza, that health officials predict will make rounds this year. Officials say it should protect against 70 per cent of cases and reduce symptoms of the flu.

H1N1, the new influenza virus that spread out from Mexico and around the globe in weeks, will have a separate free vaccine. The province is still in the midst of clinical testing and says it's looking into how the

inoculation will react with the seasonal flu vaccine.

Alberta hopes to offer the additional protective measure first to those most at risk in early November.

Despite this vaccine excluding protection against H1N1, officials anticipate there will be a significant jump in Albertans eager to get their shot. During the first year of the program, it's expected nearly two million people will get injected.

"This is all meant to get more people vaccinated. If we can get more people every year, then there is less chance it will spread to those at risk of developing serious cases of the flu," said John Tuckwell, spokesperson for Alberta Health and Wellness.

He said people not predisposed to the flu, run the chance of coming into contact with those who are, including the elderly. By immunizing everyone, the province can reduce those who are sent to the hospital with severe influenza.

A universal vaccination program has been in the works for several years, but only recently did the province get the dollars and

resources to make it happen, Tuckwell said.

In previous years, the province spent about \$3.2 million annually offering free shots to at-risk patients and health care workers.

Details, like how and when this free vaccine will be delivered to patients, are still being ironed out and local medical professionals hope they will learn more about the program before the fall.

Margaret Baril, pharmacist and owner of the Didsbury Pharmasave, said for the first time certified pharmacists will be injecting residents with the vaccine and yet she's gotten little information about how that is supposed to happen.

"(Alberta Health) are concerned public health can't handle the volume of patients who will get this vaccine, so they have qualified some pharmacists to give injections," she said.

"Nothing is really ironed out yet, but hopefully we know more by September."

Typically the pharmacy brings in about 150 vaccines and sells it to people who can get the shot on site by a registered nurse. A

year ago, the Alberta government changed legislation to allow for pharmacists to administer the treatment. Baril got her certification this year.

However, Baril hasn't yet heard of how pharmacists will be accessing this free vaccine. Orders for the flu shots are past due and in case the government doesn't supply the pharmacy with stock, Baril purchased 50.

"I don't usually get a huge amount and I am not sure if I'll be compensated, but I put my neck out because I didn't want to have nothing," she said.

Brad Blatz, the pharmacist at Value Drug Mart, plans to eventually get certified, but said he presently doesn't have the manpower to run an injection site.

"There is an issue of getting people to run the dispensers so I can do the injection or the other way around, so at this point we have no plans to do any," Blatz said.

"The medical clinic next door will do that."

As for information about the program, he hasn't heard much about it.

Bench fairs bail with few volunteers

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Residents missed an opportunity to showcase their home-made and homegrown products last weekend, after two established bench fairs were cancelled.

The Didsbury Bench Fair, which has been judging entries for 21 years, bypassed holding the event this year because they were short on volunteers.

"It doesn't have anything to do with lack of interest. In the past we've had anywhere from 80 to 150 participants and up to 1,500 entries," said Coun. Bob Davidson, a member of the agricultural society.

Davidson hopes the event continues, but the trend is bench fairs are "going the way of the dodo bird." In the last five years, 66 per cent of fairs have stopped running, he said.

The drop in these events is a result of a volunteer shortage and the fact that those usually putting on the events are over 60 and finding the co-ordination too much work,

Davidson said.

The types of entries are also changing. The affair invites residents to bring in their flowers, produce, crafts and baking to be judged, but as participants age, fewer bring in home made items.

"(The society) has tried to get the public, mostly seniors, to sponsor classes at a junior level," Davidson said.

"We want to get kids familiar with crafts, but most of the kids who are interested or who're doing crafts eventually leave Didsbury."

The Lone Pine Bench Fair was also cancelled this weekend. The Lone Pine Agricultural Society couldn't be reached before press time, although Davidson said he believes they forewent the event due to a lack of volunteers. The event celebrated its 25th anniversary last summer.

Diane Grzela, who has attended the Didsbury and Lone Pine bench fairs in the past, says it's disappointing neither ran this year.

She looks forward to collecting dollars and ribbons at the

competitions each August. In the 2007 Lone Pine Fair, she brought in 21 awards, which she stores in her closet.

It was her jelly roll that made the Lone Pine judges' mouths water.

"I don't usually bake anything for the bench fairs, it takes too much work," she said.

"But that year, there was this lady who always won and I wanted to prove to my husband I could beat her...and I did," she said.

Grzela believes bench fairs are a big draw for those in rural communities. People, whether competing or browsing, love to see where other's imaginations take them, she said.

It's also an event that inspires creativity and gives people faith in their baking and crafts.

"One year my son was about to chuck his drawings in the trash and I told him he should enter them in the fair to be judged," Grzela said.

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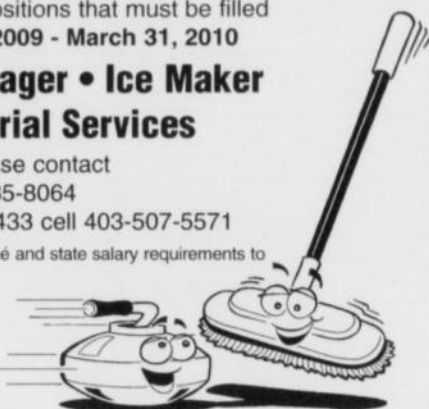
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Dr. Brunner trained in South Africa and immigrated in Canada in 1999. She has worked as a rural physician since that time in Pincher Creek, and worked with Dr. Jackson for 10 years prior to him coming to Didsbury last year.

Dr. Brunner is opening a practice in family medicine and has special interest and expertise in women's health including bio-identical hormones, pediatrics, obesity, and chronic disease.

She will be joined in Didsbury with her husband Heinie, an engineer in the oil and gas industry and her two beautiful kids Hein and Mario.

You can book an appointment with Dr. Brunner by calling the clinic at (403) 335-8895



Welcome
Dr. Brunner

Youth employment down

BY TAMARA
CUNNINGHAM
The Didsbury Review

It has been 10 months since Desmond Thring last worked and with a baby on the way, the pressure to find a job is mounting.

He has blanketed Mountain View County with 200 resumes and applications and hasn't gotten any offers yet, although he says he came close a few times.

"I don't know why I haven't had any luck. Maybe it's my resume," he said.

Thring isn't short on experience.

He has dished out burgers in McDonald's, cooked food, put up drywall, roofed and insulated homes, among numerous other jobs.

"I've learned a lot of different things, mostly in general labour. I want to be a jack of all trades," he said.

But even with a smattering of experience, he doesn't seem to be what employers are looking for. He has heard business managers are seeking skilled and experienced workers and although he can understand that, how can he ever be among those ranks if no one gives him a chance?

His partner is expecting their baby this winter and so he wants to have steady employment by then, although it's getting tough to keep up hope and the search when he isn't getting calls back.

"You almost want to give up, but you know you can't," he said.

This summer has been cruel for young job seekers as unemployment hits what may be the highest level ever in Canada. Numbers show 38,000 jobs were lost in July alone.

Not since Statistics Canada began tracking such records in 1977 has this number been so high, leaving one of every five students out of work.

Unemployment records reveal nearly half of the 414,000 people thrown out of work since the recession hit last fall were young people between the ages of 15 and 24.

Wendy Tario, an employment specialist at the Centre for Employment in Olds, says grim prospects are hurting youths' faith in future job opportunities and making life challenging.

"They are like, where do we go from here?" she said.

"There are no opportunities and (youth) are facing challenges in going to school, buying a home and putting food on the table."

One of the largest problems in rural regions is the amount of unskilled workers. Employers want experience, education and skill and youth don't always have those qualifications.

Tario said the boom time in the last few years did teenagers and young adults a disservice by making them ill prepared for tough times. After all, who needed post-secondary education when you could get good money working general labour or the oil patch?

"Now employers have cut back on hiring and we have skill and education gaps among our youth. It impacts their job search," she said.

The best solution for the spike in youth unemployment would be for employers to allow youth some leeway by giving them on-the-job training or applicable skills, she said.

The Centre for Employment in Olds and Didsbury is seeing a jump in those aged 16 to 24 dropping in for help finding jobs. Specialists don't see the amount of clients easing up anytime soon.

Melissa Maschke, coordinator for the Centre for Employment, said youth haven't had to work to get a position before and they've never experienced this type of employment crunch.

"If a job ended a year ago, they could just walk across the street and get another," she said.

The centre is re-educating employment seekers on how to build a resume, network and dress appropriately, things they've never had to do before. The lack of technique or knowledge is making young people poor competition for the older generation, 55 years and above, who've seen a job increase of 90,000 in Canada since October.

Nineteen-year-old Cody Gorman, has been going to the Centre for Employment after he failed to get calls back on 30 applications. He has the additional responsibility of being a stepfather and needs to find a job to support his family.

"I am worried about finding something...I am looking for anything that provides a steady income and I couldn't care less what it pays as long as I am getting money," he said.

It's been six months since he last worked and he says it's becoming discouraging to hand out applications and "wait and wait and wait and nobody calls back."

"If only I could walk into a place and get a job like that," he said, snapping his fingers.

Midway

Continued from page 3

The idea has been in the works for several years by the Midway Community Centre, but only recently came to fruition with the help of Carstairs Ford, which sold the group an eight-passenger van at a reduced price.

"Definitely without their support and what they did with us we wouldn't have been able to do the venture," says McCulloch.

The idea behind the shuttle service is that the van will be dispatched to bring six children to and from school every day. Midway school does have school buses provided by the school board, but they only pick up students from the rural area around Midway.

Bruce Moltzan, Chinook's Edge associate superintendent, says that the minivan shuttle is being run entirely separate from the school board, but notes it's a great way for the school

to attract new students.

Midway school had gone through a review/closure process and "through that process the parents in the community really got engaged in trying to find ways to continue to make the school viable," he says.

There are approximately 50 children around Midway that could attend the school, but Moltzan says only about 25 to 40 actually do.

"There comes a point where it's almost marginal to keep offering a program, but if they can enhance those numbers by half a dozen students, or eight to 10 students, all of a sudden the picture is quite different."

The school board has in the past used vans to transport students, but after safety concerns began to surface around the large 15 passenger vans, the board abandoned the vehicles.

"When we were using them, especially on longer trips, we probably weren't doing what we

should have been doing in terms of driver qualifications and using professional drivers," explains Moltzan.

McCulloch says that the minivan chosen for the service alleviates the safety concerns of larger vehicles and adds that a qualified driver has been hired and proper insurance has been acquired.

The van service is being offered for free for the first year, which is why McCulloch is asking the community for donations and support. Local businesses are also welcome to inquire about advertising space on the van.

"This school is a tremendous school and I think once people understand that or have their children go there for a couple weeks or a month, they realize what a gem of a school it is."

Anyone interested in signing up for the service or to donate or support it is asked to contact Jennifer McCulloch at (403)-335-9182 or Tanya at (403)-335-8862.



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Open: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm — Monday to Friday

Town Administration Office: 2037 - 19 Avenue • Phone: 403-335-3391 • Fax: 403-335-9794

DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS:

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Public Works: 7:30am to 4:00pm	403-335-8343
Planning & Infrastructure	403-335-3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place	403-335-8719
Didsbury Information Line	403-335-2030
Community Services & FCSS	403-335-8719
Didsbury Landfill	403-335-2005
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre	403-335-7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	403-335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	403-335-3265
Library	403-335-3142

PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY MEETING:

Monday September 14, 2009 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (next date: September 11, 2009)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

DP 71-09	#2 Deer Coulee Dr.	Deck	R1
DP 72-09	3002 10th Street	Fence & Addition of Shop	R4

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on September 2, 2009.

Kim Boyd, Development Officer

Rollout Cart Schedule August 2009

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Employment Opportunity

The Didsbury Out Of School Care Association (DOSCA) is now accepting applications for one part-time (10-15 hrs per week) **Child Care Worker** to help plan, implement and deliver the before and after school program.

Starting Date: September 3, 2009

Wage: Competitive wage plus provincial grant

Closing Date: August 26, 2009

Qualifications:

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- Enjoy leading children in crafts, music, sports, games, nature, and other activities current First aid or willing to acquire certificate.
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Apply to:

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Please call 335-8719 for more information.



WATER RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION

Effective May 14, 2009 Didsbury is at a LEVEL 1 RESTRICTION until further notice.

Level 1 - Restrict outside watering (lawn, garden, car washing at home, etc.) to even-numbered addresses on even calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses on odd calendar days.

Please contact the Town of Didsbury Office at 403-335-3391 or the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission at 403-227-5828 if you have any questions.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Recreation Surveys are now available at the Aquatic Centre!

Town staff will also be out and about with surveys into September.

We value your input and look forward to hearing what you would like from your Recreation Department in the future!

Didsbury Recreation

- **STROLLERCIZE** - Come experience Strollercize with AFLCA certified instructor Laura Bateman, at Memorial Park (weather permitting) or at Didsbury Memorial Complex (will serve as a backup) on Mondays & Wednesdays until August 31, 2009 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Cost is \$5.00 drop-in or a 10 pass available for \$45.00. If possible please bring: Towel or mat, running shoes and resistance tubing.
- **DIDSBEE 3 ON 3 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** - Players in Tyke, Novice, Atom, and Pee Wee are invited to register for an exciting weekend on October 2-4, at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The cost is \$500.00 per team (Max 10 players). Prizes for everyone and includes a T-shirt, swim pass, and a mini hockey stick.
- **SPORT TRAINER COURSE** - Town of Didsbury is offering a two day course on September 19 & 20, the cost is \$175.00 and the time is TBA for now. Course combines Athletic First Aid, Sport Taping and Strapping. This course would be a great asset for local coaches, trainers, and athletes.

For more information or to register contact the Aquatic Centre
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NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

- **BUSY BUDDIES** - The Town of Didsbury is offering this popular program introducing games, basic crafts, sing songs and finger plays. Parents must attend class with child. Join us Wednesday mornings from 11 am to 12 noon, from September 16 - October 21, at Didsbury Neighborhood place. For children aged 2 - 4 years. Cost is \$35 for the 6 weeks.
- **TODDLER GYM TIME** - Join Town of Didsbury staff for a high energy hour in the Multi-Purpose Room. Check out our age appropriate toys and gym equipment. For children under 3 years old starting September 17 - October 22. Cost is \$35 for 6 weeks.
- **SPORTS FOR SHORTS** - This program explores sports like soccer, basketball and other fun indoor activities for children aged 3 - 5 starting September 21 - October 26. Cost is \$35/child for 6 weeks.

For more info or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719

OFF LEASH AREA BULLETIN!

The Town of Didsbury Council is considering an OFF LEASH AREA for DOGS.

Suggested areas might be:

- Memorial Park on side of hill between pathway and Valarosa
- Southridge Valley Park
- The area near the storm retention pond planned in the valley North of Valarosa.

If you would like to provide comment/input or have questions, please contact the Town of Didsbury Legislative Services Department by email at: legislative@didsbury.ca or call 403-335-7391.

WATCH FOR A SURVEY ON-LINE AND IN THE UTILITY BILLS IN THE FALL!
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NOTICE

Public Works will be repairing asphalt excavations at various locations in Didsbury. They will be upgrading:

- 19th Street between Highway 582 & 23rd Street
- 15th Avenue between 19th Street & 23rd Street
- 23rd Street between 15th Avenue & Highway 582

This work is being scheduled late August and September.



Rodeo mud bath

Sundre's Randy Wilson

Bryce West



Lonny Olsen is feeling the pain of this no-score in more ways than one.

WRITTEN IN MUD

The Didsbury Ag Fair and Rodeo produced a set of mucky but happy cowboys after the weekend's events.

The Foothills Cowboys Association rodeo produced champions in each of its events as the series continues its countdown to the finals in October.

Leading the way was Ryan Fink of Rocky Mountain House who produced a 73-point ride in the Saddle Bronc competition.

Olds rider Kyle Rock topped the Bareback competition by posting a high score of 71. In Bull Riding, Wacey Finkbeiner of Ponoka topped the field, posting a score of 73 for his eight seconds of work.

Blake Gagnon of Innisfail put in a time of 9.1 seconds to run away as the winner of the Calf Roping event. In Steer Wrestling Wade Jobber of Viking posted a quick time of 4.3 seconds to take the weekend's bragging rights.

The ladies Barrel Racing was taken by Bailee Stanton of Exshaw by five one-thousandths of a second over Jill McDougall of Bashaw in a time of 16.229 seconds. In Team Roping Raymond and Jeff Havens of Madden took top spot with a time of 5.9 seconds.

Steer Riding saw Cadogan's Bryce West take top spot with a score of 76 while Cole Goodine of Carbon set a standard of 72 in Novice Horse Riding that stood the test of the weekend.

Junior Bull Riding was topped by Garret Green of Meeting Creek with a score of 79.

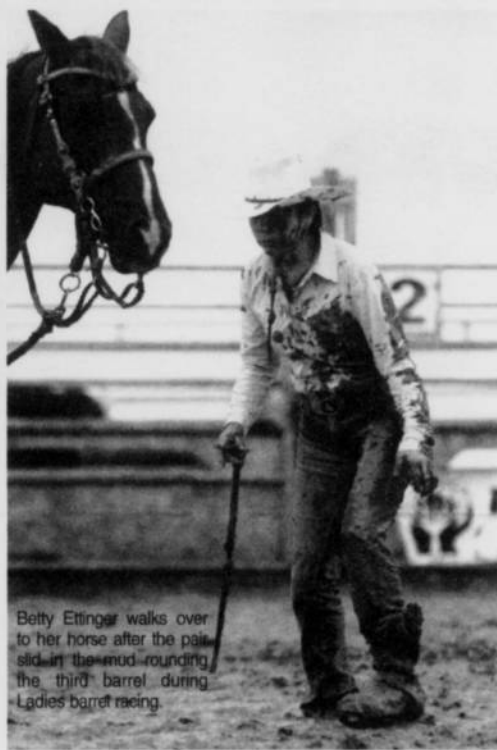
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Thunder on the Prairies paid off for those tough enough to brave Friday's weather.

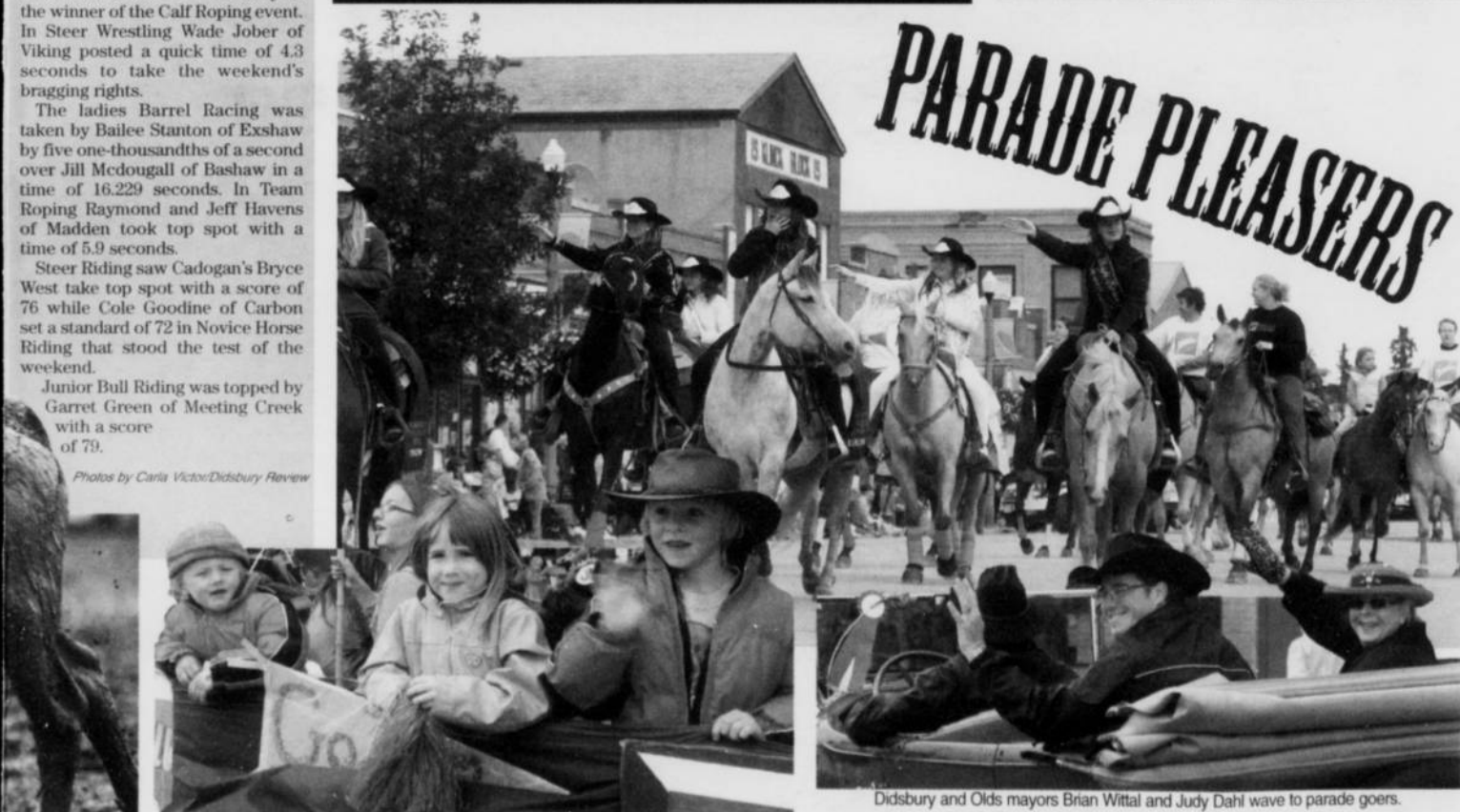


The bad news is Kyle Brown received a no-score for his steer ride, good news - he got his boot back.



Betty Ettinger walks over to her horse after the pair slid in the mud rounding the third barrel during Ladies barrel racing.

PARADE PLEASERS



Didsbury and Olds mayors Brian Wittal and Judy Dahl wave to parade goers.

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Cowboys pink up for rodeo

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

There was a time when cowboys would rather be hog-tied than wear pink, but Saturday's rodeo participants readily wore the colour and admit it's part of their everyday wardrobe.

That's why Wayne Powell, who wore pink to the Didsbury Rodeo over the weekend, says the challenge "Are you Tough Enough to Wear Pink" lacks any thrust. It's more of a catch phrase, than a dare.

"The colour is big in rodeo now. It's how we do our part to bring awareness to breast cancer," Powell said.

"No cowboy goes without a pink shirt in his truck. We go to three or four rodeos a weekend on the circuit and you don't want to forget your pink shirt."

He has four in his wardrobe; one is always packed in his suitcase.

This weekend was the first time the Didsbury Agriculture Society promoted the "Are you Tough Enough to Wear Pink?" campaign to raise money and support for the breast cancer cause. Rodeos across Alberta have been joining up with the

initiative since 2006.

The event joined up this year largely to support local resident, Shawna Whiteside, who has been battling breast cancer since February.

"This is our first time and we felt like we were going out on a limb with it...we had a brilliant response. A lot of people wore pink," said Lorna Richmond, event coordinator for the Didsbury Agriculture Society.

The society handed over two cheques to the Wild Pink Yonder, a Canadian Breast Cancer fundraiser and the Breast Cancer Supportive Care Foundation in Calgary.

The supportive care foundation is a non-profit that helps patients recovering from breast cancer surgery and treatment. In 2008 it served 1,300 patients, among those, Whiteside.

"They do all the little things that the doctor may not have time for. The doctor is concerned with curing and they are concerned with making you comfortable," she said, adding nurses at the foundation answer questions about the recovery process or help patients pick out wigs.

Whiteside was diagnosed with breast cancer seven months ago at 36-years-old and is in the midst of battling the illness. She had her fourth round of chemotherapy last Monday.

"My reaction was shock. I mean I had no family history of breast cancer and I'm so young...when I found the lump I wasn't really concerned," she said.

When the doctor told her the lump was cancer, she didn't shout "why me?" or get angry. Whiteside wanted to know what she could do to beat it.

On Saturday, after her fourth bout of chemotherapy she thundered into the arena bald. It took a lot for her to leave the house without a wig, but she wanted to prove a point: women with cancer can still do what they've always done.

"I ran in the barrel race to show people this isn't a death sentence, you can still be active. I may not be the fastest rider out there, but I'm able to do it," she said.

Seeing her fellow riders compete and hang out at the chutes wearing pink in support of her and others with breast cancer, deeply touched the barrel racer.

"Pink usually stands for little girls and baby carriages, but to me, pink stands for power. It stands for dignity, grace and most of all, support," she said.

"This is all about the gesture you show by wearing the colour, especially if you don't like pink. By putting it on, it's a tip of the hat and a silent show of support."

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Town falling short of senior-friendly

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

This burgeoning Alberta town is bust when it comes to being age-friendly, say those at Aspen Ridge Lodge.

Brandee Bowman, recreational therapist at the lodge, said Didsbury has a growing senior population, which is expanding as baby boomers slip into their golden years.

Census data from 2006 shows 22 per cent of the population is over the age of 60 and Statistics Canada estimates numbers will jump 10 per cent province-wide by 2026.

"It's bizarre. We have all these seniors and yet we have no

affordable and regular transportation, storefronts aren't level to the sidewalk for scooters and there are no sidewalks on some busy streets," she said.

Her comments come shortly after the town approved the installation of three park benches on 20 Ave. in the next year. Bowman applauds the move, because it took council less than a month to make the decision and inspires confidence they will be quick to vote in other, more important improvements.

"There is definitely a need for those benches. Some of our residents say they've had to sit on a rock on somebody's property to rest on their way to town," she said.

"Though these benches are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to what needs to be done for seniors," she said, adding the largest problem remains transportation.

The Lions bus picks up seniors on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and costs three dollars a person. For a couple on fixed income, six dollars a day can really add up, she said.

Ethel Gooding, 84, agrees transportation is a problem for those who live on the outskirts of town. She is lucky that family lives nearby to give her a ride if she needs one, but not all seniors have the same support.

"If the Lions bus isn't running...and they don't have family or friends residents are out of luck," she said.

"Benches are fine, but they are used only in spring and summer. Transportation is needed all year round."

The Alberta government is recognizing a need for more infrastructure and programs as the senior population continues to grow and is asking municipalities to consider what they can do to be more age-friendly.

"We see coming over the next 20 years seniors who are still very active and want to live independently. If our community is senior friendly...they will be able to get out, be engaged and get active," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

Having the over 60 crowd out and about also means more dollars spent in grocery stores, cafes and coffee shops.

The challenge is getting the town in shape to support this demographic he said. The roadways are not built at the appropriate slope, the town can't force businesses to be accessible and no surveys have yet been done to show where and how the town can be improved.

"We are trying to keep on top...be more cognizant of where we can make changes so the town is accessible to everyone, but we haven't made an outright effort through a program or major project," Wittal said.

The town has talked to the Lions Club about having a more regular bus schedule, but the challenge is finding volunteers to man the vehicle.

Wittal said the town is looking at sharing the cost or fully paying for a bus driver, although nothing is finalized.

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Police clamp down on drunk drivers

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Police are beefing up efforts to crack down on drunk drivers this month, as part of a provincial campaign to reduce fatal collisions.

Although the province is reporting a 10.5 per cent drop in the number of crashes since 2007, the number of accidents caused by impaired drivers has remained steady. RCMP say of 28 fatal crashes last July, they are investigating alcohol and drugs as a factor in 15 of those.

Drunk drivers cause 26 per cent of crashes that occur yearly in Alberta.

"In the last three or four years the number of drinking

drivers causing crashes has plateaued and that's concerning for us. No one can say the message not to drink and drive isn't out there, yet people are still using terrible judgment," said Inspector James Stiles, traffic services officer for RCMP K Division.

He said the RCMP is devoting August, statistically one of the worst months for drinking and driving, to educating the public about safety and good driving behaviour.

"It is a real tragedy to see people in the community lose their lives or suffer injuries as a result of a preventable event," Stiles said.

According to the RCMP, impaired driving is the number one criminal cause of death in the country and the issue remains a top priority for detachments, including Didsbury.

This month, local constables are gearing up to clamp down on drunk drivers with static and roving check-stops.

"We will definitely increase our efforts," said Const. Robert Newton. "We realize this is an ongoing problem."

Police are encouraging the public to help get impaired drivers off the road.

"If you see someone driving erratically ... if someone leaves a party very intoxicated and is driving right away, call 911 so we can respond faster," he said.

"The public can definitely help. This is how we catch them."

Those caught drinking and driving can get a one-year driving prohibition and \$1,000 fine.

Trailer stolen, crashed

Three hours before sunrise, a Carstairs neighbour looked out his window and saw two thieves hitching a neighbour's trailer to their truck.

"He went outside and confronted them and the males jumped in their vehicle and took off," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson. "Because they were caught in the act they didn't attach the trailer properly."

Police found the 30-foot trailer rolled and smashed to pieces three kilometres east of Hwy 2A. The truck, described as a dark Dodge Ram, had taken off, leaving little in the way of evidence.

"We are optimistic something may come out of this; that someone would have seen something suspicious that morning," Jacobson said.

The trailer was taken from a driveway on West Highland Crescent in Carstairs despite precautionary

Police report

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measures taken by the owners.

"The only thing you can do is use hitch locks to prevent theft, and these thieves cut this one. There isn't too much else you can do except put it in an area that's clearly visible," Jacobson said.

Thieves raid pop machine

It wasn't thirst that prompted thieves to raid a pop machine in Cremona, but the change. On August 11 sometime after 7 p.m. a pop machine at the business, Bumper to Bumper, was vandalized and dollars stolen.

Police aren't sure how much was taken. It doesn't look like any pop was filched during the raid.

Police are looking into whether two robberies on Aug 10 are connected.

Robberies could be connected

Last Monday, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. the front door on a rural home off Hwy 582 was torn off its hinges. Thieves stole electronic equipment including a big screen TV. On the same day, the front door to a home on Carriage Lane Drive in Carstairs was kicked in and CDs, video game equipment and cash were taken.

"We are investigating as if these two are related because both doors were broken into and they quickly went in and stole a number of items," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

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DYCK, GORDON DANIEL



Gordon Daniel Dyck (age 87) of Didsbury, Alberta, passed away on Friday, August 7th, 2009, after a lengthy illness. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Susanna Dyck, who died on July 1, 2009.

His family wishes to thank Dr. Hoeve and all the staff at the Olds Hospital, as well as his volunteer caregiver, Marie, for their kindness and excellent care during his stay there.

Gordon will be fondly remembered by his siblings, Paul, Harley, Jim and Norman Dyck, and Lorna Loudon, and also by their spouses Kathy, Mary and Anjane Dyck. He will be greatly missed by his children, Darlene Cameron, Joan Young, Jan Carroll, Larry Van Dyck, Allan Dyck, and by their spouses/partners, Glen Cameron, Hal Dawson, Steve Lilgedahl, and Genia Van Dyck.

Gordon will also be greatly missed by his grandchildren, David and Dermai Young, Matthew and Ian Cameron and his wife Anisa, Jamie and Daniel Dyck, and Jessica and her husband, Troy Thompson. He will also be missed by his great-grandchildren, Lindsey, Hannah and Tristan Thompson.

Finally, he will be remembered by all his dear friends of many years in the community. The funeral service was held at West Zion Mennonite church, and the interment service at the Berghal Mennonite church cemetery on Friday, August 14th, 2009.

Friends wishing to contribute are asked to make donations to the Mennonite Central Committee, Relief Fund, Suite 210, 2946 - 32 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta T1Y 6J7 in his honor.

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IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada
St. Cyprian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664
Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Mid-week morning prayer service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.

Knox United Didsbury
1406 - 19th Avenue
Minister Nancy Nourse
Please join our church family for worship, 10 a.m. each Sunday.
Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.
Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.
For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

West Zion Mennonite Church
South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles
Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 337-2020
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery available during service.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Berghal Mennonite Church
Didsbury, Alberta
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass, 8km E on Berghal Rd.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Summer Service Starts - 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Elwin Garland
For more information ph. - 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran
LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA
1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohrs
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church
14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic
2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Claude Baril - 335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

Chinook Winds Christian Centre
1710 - 14th Street Didsbury
SUNDAY CELEBRATION - 10 a.m.
Prophetic Worship and Bible Teaching for all ages
• Nursery Services •
Ph/Fax - 335-3551 • Email - cwcc@airenet.com
Pastoral Team Richard & Beth Kope
SEE YOU AT THE CENTRE!

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church
Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor
John Reimer, Pastor of Adult Ministries (Life Groups & Worship)
Colin Creighton, Youth Pastor
Christine Little, Child Ministries Director
Summer Sunday Services 10:00 am
Programming for Children up to Grade 6
Fall Schedule Re-starting September 14

SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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Case of 12
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1504 - 14 Street
Single Level Living at its finest!
2 bedrooms, corner gas fireplace, all new flooring, oak kitchen with island, covered patio and nice little yard.



\$199,900

58 Silver Lynx Park, Olds
Nicely maintained 1240 sq ft home on rested lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, corner gas fireplace, great shed/workshop, priced right



\$129,900

Westcott Acreage
4.37 acres, 1234 sq ft mobile, 50' X 80' shop building (32' X 50' heated), great business potential, mountain view



\$439,900

108 Westhill Close
LOCATION!!!! 3 + 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood stove, jetted tub, oversized double garage, large pie lot backing onto green space



\$339,900

25th Street Lot
61' X 120' lot, walkout potential, back lane, choose your own builder, no GST, in preferred area of town!



\$99,900

1336 - 25 Street
Location and curb appeal, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, kitchen island, sunken patio, outdoor fireplace, R.V. parking, etc...



\$319,900

2029 - 18 Avenue
Upgraded older home on a huge lot (80' X 120'), 3 bedrooms, large rear deck with hot tub, large balcony off of master bedroom, zoned residential/commercial



\$229,900

1269 - 23 Avenue
Beautiful 45 + unit with no condo fees! vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, bonus room, finished basement



\$329,900

1324 - 21 Avenue
Unserviced vacant lot in a mature area of town, slopes west to east so good walkout potential, quiet street, no GST!



\$69,900

10 Westhill Place
Affordable start in the housing market, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, newer deck in the large back yard, new shingles, ideal location near schools etc...



\$179,900

#2, 2200 - 7 Avenue
great starter home or revenue property, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, new flooring, good sized fenced yard



\$139,900

THE PORCH BOYZ



PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY

7 Carriage Lane Way, Carstairs



Close to completion, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, mahogany hardwood, maple cabinetry, granite counter tops, gas fireplace, walkout basement and much more!

\$354,900

2025 - 20 Avenue



Former Evangelical Church! Over 5000 sq ft above grade, 4 bdrm living quarters, zoned commercial, great location, lots of character

\$374,900

#202, 1902 - 23 St.



A tremendous view to the west. Galley kitchen, corner gas fireplace, new carpeting, and paint. Detached garage. Excellent Condo.

\$174,900

2114 - 21 Avenue
THE BROWNSTONES OF DISBURY



Nothing like this in Disbury! Gorgeous 3 storey units, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, single garage, no condo fees! Only 2 units left.

Starting at \$314,900 including GST

1917 - 17 Street



Maintenance free living! 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, corner gas fireplace, single garage, reasonable HOA fees

\$239,900

405 Southridge Cres.



Great value, nice family home, various upgrades, country kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 2 decks, large yard

\$229,900

1515 McAlpine Street, Carstairs



Great Family 2 Storey! Over 1700 sq ft of brand new living, gas fireplace, walk through pantry, main floor laundry, huge lot, ready for a summer possession

\$353,500

#20, 1706 22 Ave



Excellent Condo Value! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, extensive upgrades, fully developed basement, new flooring, and much more! Call back yard with deck, patio and fireplace

\$179,900

2102 - 20 Street



Great commercial opportunity! 5 commercial lots no busy main street in Disbury, 130' X 130' lots!

\$275,000

774 Carriage Lane Dr Carstairs



Aweome 1834 sq ft, Open floor plan, hard wood, walk through pantry, main floor laundry, ensuite to second to none. Walkout basement

\$369,900

1918 - 16 Street



Just move in and enjoy maintenance free living, 2 + 1 bedrooms, gas fireplace, granite counter tops, newer tile floors and carpet, reasonable HOA fees

\$249,900

9 West Highlands Bay, Carstairs



Absolutely beautiful new home! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, hardwood, tile, 3 way fireplace, huge ensuite bath, maple cabinetry, high quality and great value from Dreamwood Homes!

\$429,900

43 Valarosa Drive



Only 3 years old, 1298 sq ft bungalow, fully developed, gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, Hickory kitchen, backsplash, Asasbed Creek, gorgeous open view

\$369,900

14 Julia Place



Lovely newer home, fantastic kitchen with island and corner pantry, open plan, fully finished, gas fireplace, inferior heat, oversized double garage, huge back yard

\$399,900

2022 - 18 Avenue



Major renovations including addition, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, corner gas FP, maple kitchen, formal dining, enormous walk-in closet in master, separate entrance for home based business, 24' X 30' garage

\$329,900

1502 - 14 Street



Great villa unit with no condo fees, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, ceramic tile, gas fireplace, fully finished, main floor laundry

\$259,900

2025 - 22 Avenue



Character and Charm! Original hardwood and woodwork, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, clawfoot tub, covered veranda, close to schools and downtown

\$254,900



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